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SUBJ: RHODESIA: SECOND SHOOTING INCIDENT AT ZIMBABWE HOUSE

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1. FOR THE SECOND DAY IN A ROW, AN ATTACK TOOK PLACE DECEMBER 20 AT ZIMBABWE HOUSE, LUSAKA HEADQUARTERS OF ZAPU. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ZAPU MEMBERS AND UNKOWN "ENEMIES" EXCHANGED FIRE FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES IN THE EARLY NORNING HOURS. AS IN THE FIRST INCIDENT (REFTEL), NO CASAULTIES WERE REPORTED. A ZAMPU SPOKESMAN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "THERE WAS ANOTHER ATTEMPT BY SMITH'S AGENTS TO OVERRUN OUR ESTAB-LISHMENT LAST NIGHT. BUT AGAIN OUR VIGILANT CADRES SUCCESS-FULLY REPULSED THE ENEMY."

2. WHEN ASKED IF THE ATTACK COULD HAVE BEEN FROM OTHER NATIONALIST GROUPS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ZAPU HAD ALWAYS BLAMED SMITH BEFORE, AND THERE WAS NO REASON NOW TO SHIFT
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THE BLAME TO OTHER "SO-CALLED NATIONALISTS." THE SPOKESMAN ALSO DENIED THAT THE INCIDENTS WERE PART OF A ZAPU INTERNAL SQUABLE. THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA, HOWEVER, REPORTS "RELIABLE SOURCES" AS STATING THAT THE TWO INCIDENTS WERE THE RESULT OF IN-FIGHTING BETWEEN KALANGA AND NDEBELE FACTIONS OF ZAPU.

3. THE TIMES ALSO REPORTS THAT THREE OF ITS STAFF WERE

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"DETAINED AND BRUTALLY ASSAULTED BY ZAPU MEMBERS" WHEN THEY
WENT TO ZIMBABWE HOUSE TO COVER THE STORY. TIMES REPORTER
SIYANGA MALUMO SAID THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE MOBBED,
BEATEN AND KICKED BY ABOUT TWENTY ZAPU MEMBERS, WHO ACCUSED
THE TIMES OF BEING ANTI-ZAPU. THE TIMES' MEN WERE "RESCUED"
BY ZAMBIA POLICE AND SAY THEY WILL PRESS CHARGES.
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